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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

Confirmation No.: 7234

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Group Art Unit: 1631

Appln. No.: 10/091,660

Examiner: Mary K. Zeman

Filed: March 5, 2002

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR GROUPING PROTEOMIC AND GENOMIC SAMPLES

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated November 2, 2005, Applicant hereby elects, with traverse, **Species B** (which includes claims 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21, 24, 27, 30, 33, 36, 39, 42, and 45). As such, claims 1-45 are pending in this application and claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18, 19, 21, 22, 24, 25, 27, 28, 30, 31, 33, 34, 36, 37, 39, 40, 42, 43, and 45 are under consideration.

As noted by the Examiner, upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. §1.141

Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

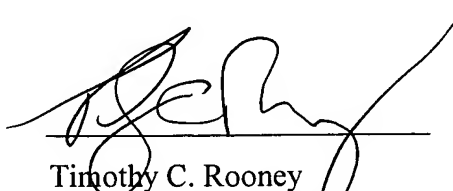
It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this

application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a),  
and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized  
to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 033975 (Ref. No. **016472-0311714**).

Dated: December 2, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

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